## Annual 2007 NORTHERN COMMAND

# SAFESTAT REPORT

Highway Patrol Division
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## Overview

During the year 2007, the Northern Command struggled with a manpower shortfall all year long. In fact, in the first quarter, Reno operations went to a modified 5-8 schedule in order to facilitate the calls for service. Unfortunately, there wasn't a lot of time for pro-active enforcement. Nonetheless, the troopers were able to increase their activity and reduce crashes at the same time compared to last year. Given those conditions, the men and women should be proud of the service the provided.

Crash reduction is paramount to public safety and number one for the mission of the Highway Patrol. The Northern Command was able to accomplish that globally throughout the command. The Northern Command focused on directed enforcement programs and concentration on high DUI areas with saturation patrols. This proved very effective and built the morale among the ranks and shifts. Working as a team has been the mantra for effectiveness and staff build up.

Overall enforcement was also increased compared to last years figures. Most notably was DUI enforcement prior to crashes. This is an indication that troopers are making more driver contacts in conjunction with daily on-view patrol. An area we must work more diligently is hazardous moving violations and seatbelt. Some of the programs we will work with WASP and combined efforts between Reno and Carson City, will hopefully provide better coverage and identifying those crash causing violations.

While the commercial enforcement section showed a decrease in activity, the yearly requirements from State and Federal regulations have been met. Troopers are consistently used for training instructors and also for other operational check sites. These safety/compliance sites review overall vehicle and driver safety along with weight and brake checks. As more staff fills in the vacant areas, more proactive enforcement will be required among all commanders and staff.

At the close of 2007, there are many projects and goals set for the Northern Command. It is our hope, that we can get our already short staff filled with transferring troopers from other regions. The more troopers, the more special assignments we can develop for public safety and the motoring public we serve and protect. I am proud of the accomplishments and efforts by the men and women of this command.

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#### NORTHERN COMMAND CRASH STATISTICS OVERVIEW

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	2007	2006	% Change
Total Crashes	4255	4457	-4.5%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	2852	2945	-3.2%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1348	1472	-8.4%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	52	40	30.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	219	222	-1.4%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	25	44	-43.2%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	9	11	-18.2%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	6	-83.3%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	6	14	-57.1%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	5	5	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	4	8	-50.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	273	259	5.4%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	200	180	11.1%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	67	75	-10.7%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	5	4	25.0%

## NORTHERN COMMAND FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

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	2007	2006	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	212	223	-4.9%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	1423	1182	20.4%
Other Arrests	6881	5540	24.2%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	3043	2594	17.3%
Speed violations	32812	22180	47.9%
Hazardous moving violations	9359	8110	15.4%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	5162	3765	37.1%
Total violations [above violations included]	81507	61619	32.3%
Commercial Enforcement			
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	283	661	-57.2%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	276	817	-66.2%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3. 4. & 6]	8743	8512	2.7%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	9	29	-69.0%
Total safety violations citation	3682	3759	-2.0%
Total safety violations repair order	27585	28212	-2.2%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	1266	1266	0.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	1130	894	26.4%
Total school buses inspected	1366	1372	-0.4%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	183	196	-6.6%
Total trucks weighed	8093	10882	-25.6%
Total overweight citations	365	523	-30.2%
Total dyed fuel inspections	5080	4569	11.2%
Total dyed fuel citations	24	20	20.0%

### RENO URBAN TRAFFIC LIEUTENANT GINA JOHNSON

The Reno urban area command investigated 2,230 crashes this year as opposed to 2,569 in 2006. This was a 13.2% decrease in total crashes. The greatest decrease was in the property damage category with 13.6%. Injury crashes decreased by 12.7% this year, there were 682 crashes compared to last years 781. There were 112 DUI related crashes compared to 134 in 2006, a decrease of 16.4%. DUI arrests prior to crashes showed a significant increase of 33.5% over last year and can be attributed to our directed enforcement efforts. The urban area handled 95 commercial crashes this year, compared to 160 in 2006; this is a significant reduction of 40.6%.

The Reno Urban area averaged 32 Troopers per month during 2007, although at times there were 34 Troopers working. The average number of crashes handled per traffic position in 2007 was 69.68; this is slightly down from last year's average of 79.72.

Reno's population is over 211,000 and growing, it is the largest city in Northern Nevada and is services by two major highways. As the population continues to grow one would think Reno would experience an increase trend in crashes. However, this wasn't the case crashes decreased.

Overall enforcement in the Reno Urban area increased this year by 15.1%. There were 33,446 total violations this year, compared to 29,047 total violations in 2006. There was a 12.2% decrease in occupant restraint violations this year with 1,497 compared to 1,705 in 2006. There was an increase of 15.1% in speed violations from last year's enforcement with 9,166 compared to 7,962 in 2006. Reno Urban reported 4,189 hazardous moving violations this year compared to 4,459 moving violations last year; this was a decrease of 6.1%.

The Urban Traffic Troopers should be commended for their continued efforts during the past year. As we increase our staffing we will remain actively concentrating our enforcement during high peak accident times. All shifts will continue to utilize the shift overlap times to focus on directed enforcement. Dayshift motors will continue to work in high traffic areas to reduce speeding drivers and crashes. Patrol units will work the perimeter areas of the bowl in an effort to slow traffic down prior to reaching congested traffic. Additionally, all traffic units will strive to reduce hazardous moving violations, slow speeding drivers, and reduce accidents overall. We will continue to utilize the radar speed trailers throughout the Reno area in an effort to educate the motoring public of their speed.

Reno Urban 2007 Annual		Same period	
	Current period	previous year	% Change
Total Crashes	2230	2569	-13.2%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1536	1778	-13.6%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	682	781	-12.7%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	12	10	20.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	105	134	-21.6%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	12	10	20.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	7	5	40.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	0	100.0%
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Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	3	4	-25.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	95	160	-40.6%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	63	124	-49.2%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	32	35	-8.6%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	1	-100.0%

Reno Urban 06 Annual		Same period	
	Current period	previous year	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	112	134	-16.4%
DUI arrests prior to crashes	1017	762	33.5%
Other Arrests	4330	3066	41.2%
Total Persons Arrested (DUI included)	1894	1506	25.8%
Speed violations	9166	7962	15.1%
Hazardous moving violations	4189	4459	-6.1%
Occupant restraint violations *	1497	1705	-12.2%
Total violations ** [above violations included]	33446	29047	15.1%
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Hazardous moving violations-citations/arrests	0	0	0.0%
Other traffic violations-citations/arrests	0	0	0.0%
Total safety inspections [Lvls 1,2,3&6)]	49	69	-29.0%
Terminal inspections TIP (Lvl 5)	0	0	0.0%
Total safety violations citation	43	7 49	-12.2%
Total safety violations repair order	101	214	-52.8%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	0	0	0.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	2	18	-88.9%
Total school buses inspected	0	0	0.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0	0	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	0	0	0.0%
Total overweight citations	0	0	0.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	39	50	-22.0%
Total dyed fuel citations	1	0	100.0%

## CARSON/TAHOE/MINDEN LIEUTENANT KEVIN BAILEY

This SafeStat reports compares Calendar 2006 to Calendar 2007

Accidents: Accidents overall are down 19.7% from last year. Property Accidents are down 16.6% from last year. Injury accidents are down 23.9% from last year.

Enforcement: Total violations are up 2.2% over last year. Total number of traffic stops are up 12.9% over last year. Total number of citations issued are up 3.3% over last year.

Personnel: C/T/M has had a fluctuation in manpower over the year.



	Annual 2007	Annual 2006	% Change
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Total Crashes	1121	1396	-19.7%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	733	879	-16.6%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	386	507	-23.9%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	2	10	-80%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	44	70	-37.1%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	0	9	-900%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	ALOA	0	0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0	6	-600%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	1	-100%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	2	-200%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	23	26	-11.5%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	14	19	-26.3%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	8	7	14.3%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	O O	0	0%

	2007 ANNUAL	2006	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	44	70	-37.1%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	242	196	23.5%
Other Arrests	1325	1287	3%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	553	533	3.8%
Speed violations	7206	7454	-3.3%
Hazardous moving violations	2734	2825	-3.2%
Occupant restraint violations *	1578	1220	29.3%
Total violations [above violations included]	18400	18006	2.2%
Total # of Traffic Stops	19489	17256	12.9%
Total # of Citations Issued	13540	13103	3.3%
Other traffic violations – citations/arrests	0	0	0.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3. 4. & 6]	0	0	0.0%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	0	0.0%
Total safety violations citation	0	0	0.0%
Total safety violations repair order	0	0	0.0%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	0	0	0.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	0	0	0.0%
Total school buses inspected	0	0	0.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0	0	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	0	0	0.0%
Total overweight citations	0	0	0.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	0	0	0.0%
Total dyed fuel citations	0	0	0.0%

## FERNLEY/FALLON

#### LIEUTENANT ROGER VIND

The Fernley Fallon District had an outstanding year. Through an improved enforcement plan, and the hard work of the District's personnel, the Fernley Fallon District increased enforcement, reduced crashes and reduced the carnage associated from crashes. The District accomplished this while working fewer hours and reducing overtime.

Total crashes decreased in all reporting categories compared to last year. Property damage crashes were reduced by 13%, injury crashes were reduced by 24% and fatal crashes were reduced by 67% for a total reduction of 18% compared to last year. At least ten fewer people died this year on the highways within the Fernley Fallon District not to mention those not injured. One of the common denominators for crash reduction from past reporting is the increase in enforcement efforts.

All self-initiated moving violation enforcement increased compared to last year, with total violations increasing 16.5% compared to last year. Speed enforcement increased 21.2%, hazardous moving violation increased 6.7% and occupant restraint violations increased 36.5%. These statistics are impressive considering that they were accomplished with fewer hours worked.

The Fernley Fallon District was down two positions for the entire year. Total man hours worked was down 6% compared to last year. Overtime was greatly reduced this year by 49% compared to last year, a savings of 1622 hours.

The men a woman of the Fernley Fallon District have a clear understanding of our mission and have their efforts firmly focused on our goals to reduce crashes through enforcement. By means of their hard work and dedication, the Fernley Fallon District Personnel have proved citizens and visitors of the state safer travel on Nevada Highways.

Current period		This period last year	% Change
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399		458	-12.9%
170		225	-24.4%
6		18	-66.7%
39		41	-4.9%
8		18	-55.6%
1		8	-87.5%
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2		4	-50.0%
4		1	-300.0%
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	Current period	This period last	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes **	40	36	11.1%
DUI arrests prior to crashes **	90	100	-10.0%
Other Arrests	607	712	-14.7%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) **	283	319	-11.3%
Speed violations	10369	8556	21.2%
Hazardous moving violations	1282	1202	6.7%
Occupant restraint violations *	1137	833	36.5%
Total violations [above violations included]	17964	15414	16.5%
Commercial Enforcement			
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	TK		
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	10		
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6]	233	351	-33.6%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	1		
Total safety violations citation	96	95	1.1%
Total safety violations repair order	439	8	5387.5%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"			
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	42	32	31.3%
Total school buses inspected	200 8001		
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"			
Total trucks weighed			
Total overweight citations			
Total dyed fuel inspections	136		100.0%
Total dyed fuel citations			

#### *HAWTHORNE*

#### LIEUTENANT ROGER VIND

The Hawthorne District had a mixed statistical year. For the first half of the year, Tonopah was fully staffed but in training mode with new personnel and reporting to Central Command. For the second half of the year, the District carried a vacancy and operationally changed its reporting under Northern Command. Total crashes decrease but so did enforcement.

This period total crashes decreased 8%. Compared to last year, Property damage crashes increased by 7%, injury crashes decreased by 41% and fatal crashes increased by 50%. Commercial vehicle crashes decreased 3% compared to last year and DUI related crashes increased 75%.

The enforcement picture declined this year compared to last year by 6%. Although field enforcement decreased, this was primarily caused from the training of new personnel. While in training, new officers are trained by seasoned personnel, which reduce the number of units able to cover the beats and generate enforceable stops. The District gets visible deterrents and gained compliance by the motoring public but it does not generate large numbers of enforcement violations.



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	Current period	This period last year	% Change
Total Crashes	81	88	-8.0%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	61	57	7.0%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	17	29	-41.4%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3	2	50.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	7	4	75.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	3	1	200.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	A 0	1	-100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2	1	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	P	0	100.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	1	-100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	28	29	-3.4%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicles	23	18	27.8%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3	9	-66.7%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	2	2	0.0%
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	Current period	This period last year	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes **	7	4	75.0%
DUI arrests prior to crashes **	25	11	127.3%
Other Arrests	73	68	7.4%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) **	65	38	71.1%
Speed violations	1558	1748	-10.9%
Hazardous moving violations	266	246	8.1%
Occupant restraint violations *	262	328	-20.1%
Total violations [above violations included]	3143	3329	-5.6%
Commercial Enforcement			
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	10/		
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	771		
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6]	223	441	-49.4%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only			
Total safety violations citation	192	350	-45.1%
Total safety violations repair order	554	773	-28.3%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	28	11	154.5%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	39	50	-22.0%
Total school buses inspected			
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"			
Total trucks weighed			
Total overweight citations			
Total dyed fuel inspections	138	364	-62.1%
Total dyed fuel citations			

#### **TONOPAH**

#### LIEUTENANT ROGER VIND

The Tonopah District had a mixed statistical year. For the first half of the year, Tonopah was fully staffed but in training mode with new personnel and reporting to Central Command. For the second half of the year, the District carried a vacancy and operationally changed its reporting under Northern Command. Crashes decrease but so did enforcement.

Total crashes decreased in all reporting categories compared to last year except for injury crashes, which increased by two more than last year. Property damage crashes were reduced by 31%, as stated injury crashes increased by two crashes and fatal crashes were reduced by 80%, for an overall reduction of 22% compared to last year. At least ten fewer people died this year on the highways within the Tonopah District. Commercial vehicle crashes decreased 53% compared to last year and DUI related crashes decreased 47%.

The enforcement picture declined this year compared to last year 12%. Although field enforcement decreased, this was primarily caused from the training of new personnel. While in training, new officers are trained by seasoned personnel, which reduce the number of units able to cover the beats and generate enforceable stops. The District gets visible deterrents and gained compliance by the motoring public but it does not generate large numbers of enforcement violations. Total violations decreased 12% compared to last year.

	Current period		This period last year	% Change
Total Crashes	136		175	-22.3%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	75		108	-30.6%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	59		57	3.5%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	2		10	-80.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	8		15	-46.7%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	2		12	-83.3%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1		2	-50.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		9	-900.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts			1	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0		> 0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	15		32	-53.1%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicles	12		26	-53.8%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3		6	-50.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		0	0.0%
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	Current period	This period last year	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes **	8	14	-42.9%
DUI arrests prior to crashes **	20	28	-28.6%
Other Arrests	243	263	-7.6%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) **	105	131	-19.8%
Speed violations	4299	4975	-13.6%
Hazardous moving violations	696	597	16.6%
Occupant restraint violations *	662	916	-27.7%
Total violations [above violations included]	7462	8477	-12.0%
Commercial Enforcement			
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	0	0	0.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	0	> 0	0.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6]	496	557	-11.0%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0	0	0.0%
Total safety violations citation	199	315	-36.8%
Total safety violations repair order	950	974	-2.5%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	32	11	190.9%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	52	98	-46.9%
Total school buses inspected	0	0	0.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0	0	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	0	0	0.0%
Total overweight citations	0	0	0.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	459	538	-14.7%
Total dyed fuel citations	0	0	0.0%

#### COMMERCIAL ENFORCEMENT LIEUTENANT JOHN STEWART

This overview encompasses the 2007 calendar year. The Northern Command Commercial Enforcement Section works on a Federal Fiscal year, which started on October 1, 2006 and continued to September 30, 2006.

The Northern Command Commercial Enforcement Section currently has 22 assigned positions. The commercial section has worked throughout this calendar year with reduced manpower. Along with this reduced manpower, seven of our personnel are instructors, who throughout the year, are required to re-certify the Northern Command personnel or instruct at the DPS Academy in many different subjects. Two personnel work as Range Masters at the DPS range. This assignment requires the personnel to work at the range for one week each month.

In an effort to reduce the number of accidents on Nevada roadways, the Northern Command Commercial Section increased nearly every category of enforcement during the 2007 calendar year.

Throughout the year, Northern Command personnel have continued to work in partnership with the California Highway Patrol, Commercial Section. The region has worked several joint check-sites in Nevada and one at the Truckee Scales located near Truckee, California.

In June, the Northern Command Commercial Enforcement Section hosted the 72-hour Check-site. This nationwide program occurs every year during the first week of June.

Commercial Enforcement Section participating in two major events. The first event, Truckerfest, was held in Sparks, during the first week of August. The second event was the N.A.I.C. competition. Trooper John Sherven represented the State of Nevada at this competition, which was held in Minneapolis, MN. Trooper Sherven and his team won 'Best Teamwork' as well as the 'Most Points' obtained.

The Northern Command Commercial Enforcement Section again assisted the Southern Command with the Las Vegas 2007 New Year's Eve operation. Personnel from the Commercial Enforcement Section who participated in this event worked the Sloan check-site.

### SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE RESPONSE TEAM (SIRT) LIEUTENANT JOHN STEWART

Northern Command SIRT or Special Investigative Response Team, is an investigative unit comprised of one sergeant and four troopers. In the calendar year 2007, SIRT was staffed with three troopers, or seventy-five percent of its allotted manpower (investigators). The Northern Commands' area expanded by a significant amount of highway miles, with the addition of the Tonopah and Hawthorne districts.

The Northern Command had a reduction in the number of fatal accidents that occurred in calendar year 2007 (31) versus calendar year 2006 (41). This was in direct correlation with the number of people killed in fatal accidents for 2007 of thirty-seven versus fifty in calendar year 2006.

Of the thirty-one fatal accidents that occurred in the Northern Command, SIRT responded to and was the primary investigator on fifteen. The remaining sixteen fatal accidents, SIRT responded to nine for scene investigation and assistance. All thirty-one of the fatal investigations were managed by a SIRT member.

There were also thirty-three serious injury accidents that occurred in the Northern Command. Of these, SIRT responded to and was the primary investigator of seventeen. The remaining sixteen, SIRT responded to and assisted with the on-scene investigation with eleven of the investigations. All thirty-three of the serious investigations were managed by a SIRT member.

SIRT completed the split of the three-week Basic Accident Investigation course into a one-week course for all of the divisions and a two-week course for Highway Patrol specific new hires. This was followed with the instruction of the course, both at the northern academy and at the southern academy (one time each).

## INTERAGENCY CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT TEAM (ICE)

#### LIEUTENANT KEVIN BAILEY

The DPS Northern Command ICE Team became functional officially on July 1, 2006. This report encompasses the first full calendar year (2007) of operation. There are no prior year comparisons as 2006 was only a partial year.

#### Staffing –

DPS had initially supplied 3 officers and a sergeant. One officer only worked intermittently for about 3 months before returning to his initial assignment. One of the remaining 2 officers was reassigned to Traffic Operations and that vacancy was filled within a month. We have been operating with two officers and a sergeant for nearly the entire year.

The ICE Team will infrequently augment Traffic Operations during special events and emergencies as needed. Otherwise, only a moderate amount of time was spent on administrative duties, leave and training.

Interagency involvement has been sporadic throughout the year. The availability of K-9's has improved when compared to the initial onset of the team. Considering that each involved agency has its own constraints, resource availability has been fair. All of the agencies did participate in the Desert Hoax Operation we conducted in October.

#### Training -

Training has been made available to the full-time DPS officers assigned to the team in many aspects of interdiction, including; Highway interdiction, related search and seizure law, legal issues, vehicle compartment locations and methods of concealment, interview and interrogation, and hands-on training with the already-established interdiction team in Southern Nevada. This is in addition to the mandatory training our officers must be provided annually.

Training this year has not required the officers to spend as much of their start up time off the road as in 2006. Naturally, there are still areas where training will be necessary to maintain adequate functionality in as many of the various aspects of interdiction as possible.

Although training is anticipated and necessary for ongoing updates and increased knowledge, it is not expected to be as time consuming as it was to get the interdiction team started. In addition, the newest officer to the team has received very little formal interdiction training from DPS.

#### **Equipment and Resource Procurement –**

October and November of 2006 saw the onset of some of the equipment initially requested. By April of 2007, nearly all of the requested equipment had been received and training for it provided. In-car video cameras are still pending a decision from NHP as to the type of camera to be purchased and an unknown-substance identifying kit has just been ordered this month (January 2008).

Throughout the year, the team has found useful and reliable resources from nearly every allied law enforcement agency in the area. The local, state and federal agencies in this region have proven very

helpful in many areas from supplying single resources, to assisting with investigations and including the sharing of information.

Other missing resources are; additional officers, full-time K-9 availability, and signed interagency agreements with other law enforcement agencies in the area that wish to participate. These issues have been identified and are likely to be resolved at an unknown time in the future. While understanding that these resources are time-consuming in their procurement, they are considered crucial to the amount of effectiveness the team can provide while on duty.

#### Summary –

For the first full calendar year progress analysis, the interdiction team is functioning well and has already seen successes on many levels. The initial creation of a successful task force required the aforementioned processes to occur in order to ensure effectiveness and efficiency. The startup phase for a new task force is typically the largest hurdle to overcome. Having accomplished the startup, the team has come a long way since it began and seems to be gaining momentum at a positive rate. In the meantime, the team is currently able to function proficiently while addressing the pending issues.

Crash Summary –

Our team handled 4 accidents from January to December 2007. Of these accidents, 3 were property damage and 1 was injury. We also assisted operations as secondary units on numerous crashes.

Enforcement Summary -

During the same period, our team generated 17 DUI arrests, 216 other arrests, 70 speeding violations, 53 hazardous violations, 11 occupant restraint violations and 18 level 3 commercial inspections that resulted in 43 violations with 5 drivers placed "Out of Service". Interdiction seizure activity for 2007 included: 728 grams (1.6 lbs) of cocaine, 8576 grams (18.89 lbs) of methamphetamine, 72750 grams (160.24 lbs) of marijuana, 214 pills, \$260,534 in US currency, 2 stolen vehicles, 2 vehicles pending forfeiture, 3 weapons and \$31,000 in fictitious travelers checks.

Staffing Summary –

During the same period our team had a full-time position reassigned for approximately 9 months and had a vacancy for approximately 1 month. Aside from assisting Traffic Operations as needed, a moderate time was lost due to training, leave and administrative assignments.

	Annual - 2007	Same Period Previous Year	% Change
Total Crashes	4		400.0%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3		300.0%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1		100.0%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]			
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]			
Total persons killed in fatal crashes			
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	DA		
Total passengers killed without seatbelts			
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	TKV		
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	77	Chan I	
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes		37/	
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle			
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle			
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle			

	Annual - 2007	Same Period Previous Year	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##			
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	17		1700.0%
Other Arrests	216		21600.0%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	88		8800.0%
Speed violations	70		7000.0%
Hazardous moving violations	53		5300.0%
Occupant restraint violations *	All		1100.0%
Total violations [above violations included]	528		52800.0%
Commercial Enforcement			
Hazardous moving violatons - citations/arrests	0		
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	T		
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3.4. & 6]	18	37//	1800.0%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only		<b>/</b>	
Total safety violations citation	4		400.0%
Total safety violations repair order	43		4300.0%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	64/6		
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	5		500.0%
Total school buses inspected			
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"			
Total trucks weighed			
Total overweight citations			
Total dyed fuel inspections	13		1300.0%
Total dyed fuel citations			

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